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**MEMO AS TO RECRUITING IN NOVA SCOTIA**

It seems advisable to consider at the present time, just two years from the commencement of the War, what Canada in general and the Province of Nova Scotia in particular has done and what we may expect to accomplish in the future. We are living in the most momentous period of the world's history and it is a test of character with us all whether we can measure up to the greatness of the time in which we live, and all who feel their responsibilities will be intensely interested in this retrospect of the past and the forecast of the future.

A table has been prepared by the Department of Trade and Commerce showing the number of men of military age in each Province of Canada at the opening of the War; the total number of Canada was 1,720,000 and in Nova Scotia approximately 98,500. It was originally intended that the number of the Canadian Forces for Overseas and Home service should be 250,000, but when the need came to be felt for men and yet more men, the number was increased to 500,000 or approximately 28 out of each 100 of military age. Various estimates have been made as to the proportion of the 500,000 which should be raised from the various Provinces; if the figures of the Department of Trade and Commerce as to the number of men of military age are accepted and it is assumed that such Province is to contribute proportionately, the pro rata share of the 500,000 from Nova Scotia is approximately 29,000. The actual number enlisted in Nova Scotia including Home Service is approximately 22,000 or 22 out of each 100 of men of military age, leaving us still to raise 7 out of each 100, equal to 7000 men. It must be remembered that a very considerable number of the men enlisted and passing preliminary medical examination are finally rejected as not physically fit, so that on the basis of the men who have actually gone Overseas or are now in training, a considerable increase would have to be made in the above estimate. The percentage of men of military age who are in military

service is much larger in the West than in Nova Scotia. The people of the Western Provinces being less firmly rooted and more prepared for any new adventures would naturally be likely at first to respond more quickly to the call for men but it cannot be doubted that until Nova Scotia's quota is fully made up, her sons of military age and qualifications will continue to respond to the call.

In considering the duty of the hour we must remember that Germany when she entered into this War for World Dominion did not want for colonization and Empire building little England but her Dominions upon which the sun never sets, the greatest of which is Canada.

It is often difficult to realize that while Nova Scotia is, notwithstanding the war and to some extent by reason of the war, enjoying remarkable prosperity, we are as a part of the fairest Dominion of the British Empire so covetously desired by German, as deeply interested as our Allies in France or our brothers in the Motherland; our geographical position is such that the invader has not set foot on our land or aeroplanes dropped bombs upon us, and the war does not impress itself upon our senses in the same way as those who are nearer to it, but nevertheless it is our war and we should bring it to a successful issue is today our one great business. In France practically every man capable of such service is engaged either in the manufacture of munitions or in Military Service. In Great Britain a huge army of munition workers including many thousand women, are engaged in manufacturing munitions, and starting out when the war began with an army of only 834,000 and largely on paper, Great Britain has recruited and trained a new army of nearly 3,000,000. Finally, on January 20th, 1916, a bill passed the House of Commons in England providing for compulsory service of all men between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children depending upon them. Great Britain has not only in two years made a great Army able with the aid of the Forces of her Overseas Dominions to meet and defeat the legions which the Kaiser has been training for thirty years, but starting out with the greatest Navy in the world she has by constant and effective building upon a large scale and at high pressure, nearly doubled its effective force. The wealth of England has been expended without stint not only upon her army and navy but in financing our Allies, a large measure of assistance to whom was in some cases very necessary. But with all the Mother country has done, it might well be she could not have fought the enormous odds she has had to contend with without the prompt and efficient assistance of her Great Dominions throughout the Empire. Looking to what we have done in Nova Scotia, we find that we have sent overseas six Infantry Battalions, as well as three Batteries of Artillery, Ammunition Columns and Headquarters Co. Artillery Brigades, Divisional Train Headquarters and Co. of Army Service Corps and two Overseas Stationary Hospital Units, as well as sending over reinforcement drafts from the Forces of the Halifax Garrison and detachments for Pioneer and tunnelling Companies and other Units. We have four other Battalions training in Nova Scotia who will shortly be going Overseas, the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, comprising nearly 5000 men and officers. It is intended that this Brigade should bear the name of Nova Scotia to the Front, for Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, at recent inspection of the Battalion at Aldershot Camp, announced that it was intended that it should go to the Front as a Brigade. As the time draws near when this Brigade will be near when this Brigade will be going Overseas, the question arises of providing reinforcements to fill up the wastage that must be necessarily pro-

vided for, and the Militia Department has recently determined to raise a Reserve Battalion for reinforcement of the Nova Scotia Brigade. A nucleus for this will be furnished by the number of men which the various Battalions have recruited over their authorized strength for Overseas, but there will be a considerable number, probably 600 or 700 men to be recruited to fill the Reserve Battalion which is to be called the 246th Reserve Battalion, C. E.F. and recruiting for this Battalion will no doubt soon be authorized. Nova Scotia to do her share must contribute out of her sons who are not yet in khaki at least seven out of every 100 of military age, and there can be no stronger appeal to them than the call for Reserves to be trained and ready to reinforce the N. S. Brigade when required.

The need for additional men in the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Force is emphasized by a gallant son of Nova Scotia who gave his life for the Cause. Lieut. George M. Campbell, son of George S. Campbell Esq., President of the Nova Scotia Recruiting Association, in his last letter to his father which was received after his death said:

"I am glad that Nova Scotia is doing her bit in recruiting. What one realizes on getting here is that every available man must come over or it will never end. We must have more men behind us to take our places if we fall out. It will take every Britisher to beat them, and we must do it." We are all Britishers like Lieutenant Campbell. Citizens of the British Empire which can only be preserved by the crushing defeat of Germany.

The Dominion of Canada like Australia and New Zealand and other parts of the Empire, has realized that all must contribute to the utmost of its strength and must support and provide for the soldiers to the fullest extent of their needs. The willingness to do this is shown by the large increase recently made in pensions to soldiers injured or incapacitated in Active Service, and allowances to dependents of those who fall in Active Service. The new scale applies to all who have enlisted since the war began and the pension etc., for Privates in the ranks is as follows:

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With sufficient Reserves to keep the Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force up to full strength and with all other parts of the Empire doing their share, we may well anticipate that before another Anniversary of the Declaration of War comes round, it will have been brought to an end and a glorious victory won, but till we have done our share we must not cease our efforts, those who are able to fight, and all others contributing their assistance by every means available.

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